Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center

Open Daily 10am-5pm

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial

Closed for Renovations

Pioneer Village

Closed for the Season

Twin Caves Boat Tours

Closed for the Season

Mountain Bike Rental

Closed for the Season

Campground Hayrides

Closed for the Season

Hoosier Quest Series

Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs. Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People

Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



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Thursday, January 1

Nature Center CLOSED for New Year's Day.

January 2009

Friday, January 2

1:30pm Waving Over Winter – Create a mini-flag that celebrates the winter season! Nature Center, Program Room (30-45 min).

Saturday, January 3

1:00pm



Down to Donaldson – Feeling a little chilly? Warm up inside a cave! Caves stay in the mid-50s all year... enjoy the warmer temperature while looking of fi temperature while looking at formations and searching for leopard frogs (which also take advantage of the cave's constant temperature). Bring a flashlight and wear good shoes! Meet next to the bulletin board at the Donaldson Picnic Area parking lot (1 hr).

Sunday, January 4

11a-1p **Snowmen!** – Drop by to make a cute snowman bookmark. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

Monday, January 5

2009 Nature Poetry Contest Opens Today!

Contest entry guidelines may be picked up at the Nature Center or Spring Mill Inn, downloaded from www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs, or emailed to you upon request (call the Nature Center at 812-849-4129 and leave your email address).

Entries accepted from today through March 13.

Prizes awarded to the top two adult and the top two children's entries!

Saturday, January 10

1:00pm



Spring Mill's Eccentric – Explore the story of George Donaldson, a unique man who made Spring Mill State Park possible, while exploring the ruins of his home. Meet next to the restroom at Donaldson Picnic Area (20 min).

Sunday, January 11

2:00pm

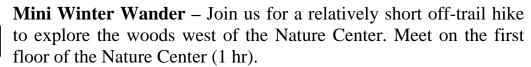
Snowflake Study – Are any two snowflakes the same? Learn the answer, and discover how snowflakes are formed, while making a snowflake craft out of felt. Nature Center, Amphitheater (30 min).

Saturday, January 17

Friendship Bags – Create a felt friendship bag to carry small 1:30pm treasures. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

Sunday, January 18

10:30am



Thursday, January 22

11:00am

Hand-woven Belt Workshop - You'll learn the basics of a technique called "finger weaving," explore its history, and make your own hand-woven belt using this skill. Cost is \$18/person and includes a buffet lunch in the Millstone Dining Room. Preregistration is required by January 18 to the Spring Mill Inn (812-849-4081); limited to 20 people. Spring Mill Inn, Oak Room (3 hr, may run longer).

Saturday, January 24

3:30pm



The Alexander Wilson Monument – Join us on a hike to this unique monument... learn who put there and why Alexander Wilson is worth memorializing. Meet at Sycamore Shelter (45 min).

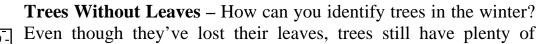
Sunday, January 25



12p-1:30p Avian Adventurers – Discover which birds are brave enough to stick out through the cold winter weather, what adaptations help them keep the cold at bay, and make a simple bird craft to take home. Drop by the Lobby in the Spring Mill Inn.

Saturday, January 31

11:30am



features that give their identities away. Find out what to look for on this easy hike... Meet in front of the Grissom Memorial (45 min).

Sunday, February 1

1:30pm

Cemetery Stroll – Explore the symbolism behind gravestone images and discover a few unique inscriptions. Meet at Hamer Cemetery (25 min).